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DECLARATION OF PRIOR INVENTION
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I, Martin Cieslak, do hereby declare:

1. I am a co-inventor of the subject matter claimed in the above-referenced patent application.

2. My co-inventors, James Aviani and Martin Kagan, and I invented the subject matter recited in the present application prior to February 4, 2000, as evidenced by our joint submission on April 26, 1999, of an invention disclosure entitled *Network cache-based content routing* (Patent Idea Details for Idea #48210) to the online patent disclosure repository maintained by our employer at that time, Cisco Systems, Inc. A copy of the entry is attached to this declaration, with confidential material redacted.

3. All of the features of the above-reference patent application are described in the invention disclosure which is sufficiently detailed to evidence not only the conception of the invention, but to allow one of ordinary skill in the art to reduce the invention to practice as well.

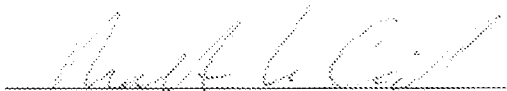
4. In addition, subsequent to the submission to Cisco's online patent disclosure repository, due diligence was exercised in the preparation and filing of the present application on June 5, 2000.

5. All of the work relating to the conception and reduction to practice of the invention was performed in the United States.

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Background: In discussions with beta customers, I have been informed of two problems in need of innovative solutions:

1. Since caches act as traffic consolidators, they may mess-up route load-balancing schemes based upon client source ip-address. For example, while an earlier decision may have been made to let x connection go out of router a, rather than b or c, the cache that x connection gets redirected to might always use router b as its default gateway, thus voiding the earlier decision to send that request out of router a.

2. In some overseas ISPs, there are two very different connections to US content providers: terrestrial links(fast, expensive), and satellite links (slow, cheap). In order to save themselves money, and yet still provide what appears to be fast service, one administrator (Mark Tracey, OzEmail) suggested that he would like HTML pages to come down the terrestrial link, while the larger (and thus more expensive) binary objects (GIFs, JPEGs, MPEGs, PDFs, etc) arrive via satellite. Because browsers are designed to start drawing a page as soon as the HTML code arrives, independent of the inline images, the user experience would be that "the page" appears to arrive quickly, even though the graphics may be taking the slow-path.

Both of these problems can, I believe, be solved through cache-based content routing.

Possible Prior Art: ---**Summary:** Problem 1: Traffic consolidation

Solution 1: A cache with multiple IP addresses should be able to set a socket option on each outgoing request, specifying which source IP address should be placed on the outgoing packet. Round-robin schemes could be offered to provide some load-balancing of out-going traffic.

Solution 2: When a GRE-encapsulated, WCCP-redirceted, packet arrives at a caching

- Content Networking > Web Cache Communications Protocol (WCCP)
- IP > IP Tunneling > Generic Routing Encapsulation (GRE)
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